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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please revise the title as follows:

-- APPARATUS FOR HOT DIP GALVANIZING-

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, under the title and before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/675,330 filed September 28, 2000, which is a continuation application of International application PCT/JP99/01664 (not published in English) filed March 31, 1999.--

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